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sometimes caused recovery to be slow, and required constant attention. Maturally, during and after the infection the cattle had to have soft diets, and lesions in the hoofs were treated with pyoctanin, while ointments were applied to udders until they returned to normal. The hoof-and-mouth disease also attacked hogs in our area, but by isolation and disinfectants we were able to keep its incidence among them to a minimum. A few children also became Ill from drinking raw milk at this time.

- 3. The Polish government, aside from preventive and curative measures during epidemics, took little active yard directly in veterinary work. It encouraged but did not require vaccination against crysipelas and nog cholera, which precautions had to be paid for by individual farmers. Indirectly the government subsidized breeders' associations for livestock improvement and emphasized animal husbandry at agricultural schools. It also promoted "winter schools" for sons of farmers, in which visiting teachers offered 10-week courses during the time when farm labor was light. Afterwards it offered prizes at breeders' association exhibits for those who had attended these courses. The Polish government also furnished stallions which stood for small fees at expulation points throughout the country. At each such point there would be two stallions, one of the light variety, used for riding mostly, and the other of the heavy, draft horse type. Since the government was interested chiefly in light horses for cavalry and artillery work it encouraged their breeding, but the farmers with an eye to their own needs generally preferred the services of the heavy type. Military agents came through the country periodically to buy up light horses, and thus encouraged an increase in their numbers.
- 4. During the German occupation, 1939-1944 in every district each farmer had to pay a levy in meat, grain, hay and livestock. This did not do much to deplete the horses of the country, but the numbers of cattle and hogs were ser lously decreased.

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